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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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WITH SEPARATELY ACTUATED ARRAYS
OF VALVE GATES

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**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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